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The Honorable Joe Hune, Chairman  
Senate Agriculture Committee  
Michigan State Senate  
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Dear Chairman Hune:

I am writing with regard to Senate Bills 423 and 424, which would effectively end the euthanasia of cats and dogs by gas chamber here in Michigan. The Michigan Humane Society, the State's largest and oldest animal welfare organization, strongly supports these bills.

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Euthanasia by gas chamber is an outdated method to end an animal's life. It is highly stressful and potentially painful, sometimes taking more than 20 minutes for an animal to pass using this method.

There is a more humane alternative. Euthanasia by injection is a painless, quick and effective way to end an animal's life, should that choice have to be made.

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Not only is it more humane, it is also just as cost-effective for shelters and agencies that still make use of gas chambers to instead perform euthanasia by injection. In addition, grants are available for organizations that would be required to transition away from their use of gas chambers, to help alleviate any impact on already-strained budgets.

The Michigan Humane Society strongly supports and urges passage of this critical legislation that will create a more humane Michigan; MHS would also oppose any effort to exempt particular organizations or groups from this legislation, as all animal control facilities and protection agencies—including MHS—should be held to this same standard.

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Sincerely,

  
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